Contract with Oman Oil Company

6776. SHRI AHMED MOHMED-BHAI PATEL: SHRI SURESH PACHOURI:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a team of top executives from the Oman Oil Company visited Delhi in March to negotiate the price of natural gas to be supplied to India through the proposed deep-sea pipelines;

(b) if so, whether Oman Oil Company is keen to quickly finalise the contract for the pipeline with the Indian Government before the agreement can be signed between India and Iran;

(c) if so, whether Petroleum Ministry is also keen to finalise the price of the gas from Oman; and

(d) if so, by when the final agreement in this regard is likely to be reached?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) to (d). The terms and conditions for the supply of gas from Oman to India including the price of gas are being discussed with the Oman Oil Company.

Probe against private companies engaged in marketing of LPG

6777. SHRI AHMED MOHMED-BHAI PATEL: SHRI SURESH PACHOURI:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether DG of Investigation and Regulation under the Ministry of Law has conducted an enquiry into the activities of 109 companies which have secured approval and clearance from the Ministry of Petroleum to import and sell LPG, SKO and LSHS at market determined price under their own arrangements;

(b) if so, whether numbers of complaints were received by the Ministry against these private LPG firms;

(c) if so, what was the outcome of the probe;

(d) whether the recommendations of the probe committee have been examined; and

(e) what action has been taken against those held responsible?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) According to MRTP Commission, the Director General of Investigation and Registration has started investigation against 109 parallel marketeers. The parallel marketeers are not required to obtain any approval from the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas to import and sell LPG, kerosene and LSHS under the Parallel Marketing System.

(b) to (c). Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Discovery of Natural Gas and Oil in Chandeli by ONGC

6778. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: SHRI SARADA MOHANTY:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that gas and oil reserves have been found at Chandeli 37 Km. from Rajkot in Lidhika Taluka by ONGC; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the findings and viability of commercial explotation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND

NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) No. Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

उत्तर प्रदेश में नई गैस एजेंसियों का खोला जाना

6779. **मौलाना ओबेदुल्ला खान आजमी:** क्या पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) उत्तर प्रदेश में गैस एजेंसियों और पेट्रोल पम्पों की वर्तमान संख्या कितनी है और ये किन-किन स्थानों पर स्थित हैं;

(ख) किन-किन स्थानों पर इनकी और अधिक संख्या में आवश्यकता है;

(ग) इन दुकानों/एजेंसियों को खोले जाने के मानदंड क्या है;

(घ) ऐसे कौन-कौन से शहर/नगर हैं जहां कोई गैस एजेंसी और पेट्रोल पंप नहीं हैं जबकि ये इस संबंध में निर्धारित मानदंडों को पूरा करते हैं; और

(ङ) सरकार इस संबंध में क्या कार्यवाही कर रही है?

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (कैप्टन सतीश शर्मा): (क) 1 जनवरी, 1994 की स्थिति में उत्तर प्रदेश में 1950 आर०ओ०डीलरशिपें तथा 470 एल०पी०जी० (रसोई गैस) डिस्ट्रीब्यूटरशिपें में कार्य कर रही थीं।

(ख) से (ङ). आर०ओ० डीलरशिपें उद्योग के मात्रा तथा दूरी के मान डण्डों को पूरा करने वाले स्थानों पर खोली जाती है। एल०पी०जी० (रसोई गैस) डिस्ट्रीब्यूटरशिपों को स्थापित करने के संबंध में यह है कि आर्थिक व्यवहार्यता तथा उत्पाद उपलब्धता वाले ऐसे सभी नगरों में जिनकी आबादी 20000 या उससे अधिक है, चरणबद्ध प्रणाली में एल०पी०जी० (रसोई गैस) डिस्ट्रीब्यूटरशिपें स्थापित करने के विषय में विचार किया जाता है। तदनुसार 364 आर०ओ० डीलरशिपें तथा 72 एल०पी०जी० (रसोई गैस) डिस्ट्रीब्यूटरशिपें स्थापित करने संबंधी प्रस्ताव उत्तर प्रदेश संबंधी चालू विपणन योजनाओं में सम्मिलित किये गये है। पगामी विपणन योजनाओं हेतु सर्वेक्षण प्रगति पर है। अनुमोदि स्थानों के संबंध में चयन उत्तर प्रदेश राज्य के लिए गठित तेल चयन बोर्ड के माध्यम से निर्धारित प्रक्रियानुसार एक चरणबद्ध प्रणाली में किया जाता है।

Private LPG Scheme

6780. SHRI ANANT RAM JAISWAL: SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the private LPG schemes announced by Government in April, 1993 has been shelved;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) if answer to part (a) above be in the negative, by when the scheme is likely to be made open?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAP. SATISH SHARMA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Government have announced in February, 1993 the decision to introduce parallel marketing of LPG by the private sector. The Scheme is operative.

Production of Power From Flared up gas by Private Enterepreneure in Assam

6781. SHRI BHADRESWAR GOHAIN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to encourage private entrepreneurs to produce power from the flared up natural gas in Assam; and

(b) whether any permission to use natural gas to produce power has so far been accorded to any party on individual by Government;

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAP. SATISH SHARMA): (a) and (b) 4.28 MMSCMD of gas has been allocated for power projects in Assam. Since the gas projected to be available is fully allocated, it is not feasible to consider any further allocation at present.